Amounts written off by Andhra Bank

2641. DR. YELAMANCHILLI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount written off/waived by Andhra Bank during the last one decade;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of customers|clients to whom the relief is passed on?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) In accordance with the statutes governing the nationalised banks including Andhra Bank as also in terms of the practices and usages customary amongst bankers, the banks do not disclose the quantum of bad and doubtful debts for which provisions are made to the satisfaction of their statutory auditors as also the amount of bad debts written off.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have issued detailed guidelines to all public sector banks on write off of bad debts/losses and compromise with debtors|borrowers. These guidelines identify the issues to be taken into consideration before any amount is written off by the authorities. These guidelines stipulate *inter alia* that the authority which had sanctioned the advance in question should not write off the same. The guidelines also provide that all possible steps should be taken for recovery of the dues before deciding on write off|compromise.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, it will not be possible to provide the required information.

Computerisation of Tax Administration work

2642. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group set up by the Central Board of Direct Taxes for computerising tax administrative work at Delhi, Bombay, and Madras has submitted the Report to the Government as reported in the H.T. dated 31st July, 1993:

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by the Group including "Tax payer data base" system;

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(d) whether Government would ensure that no way disclocation of personnel take place by computerisation of proposed system/project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations made by the working Group, among others, are:

(i) Comprehensive computerisation covering important functions of the department so as to create an integrated data base for planning, coordination forcasting etc. Initially on-line centralised Data base will be created from Tax Returns and Tax payment Challan|paid refund vouchers|advices;

(ii) Centralised processing with facilities for decentralised input and output;

(iii) Implementation at Delhi, Bombay and Madras in the first instance from 1st April, 1994.

(c) The Government will examine the recommendations made by the